



St James Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"I have loved you with an everlasting love"
Jeremiah 31:3

RECEPTION: We all really enjoyed Children in Need day, it was fun coming to school in our own clothes and having our faces painted. We have worked hard with our 'Farmer Duck' story and enjoyed performing it for Years 1 and 2. Next week we will be looking at the 'Little Red Hen' story. We have enjoyed measuring and liked using our hands and feet to measure. It was fun measuring how tall we are. Next week we will be looking at numbers. In RE we are looking at the story of Noah's Ark. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 1: We have had a lovely week in Year 1! We have been learning the story Percy Park Keeper and the Treasure Hunt...maybe the children could tell you about it over the weekend? We will be continuing with this story next week. In Maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and half/quarter turns, and the children have really enjoyed challenging each other with different commands. Thank you for people who have brought wellies in! The weather has been so bad that we will have to judge the afternoons next week, and possibly visit the park then. Have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 2: Another busy week has flown by in Year 2. We have been subtracting numbers in many different ways and have all worked really hard. Next week we are looking at some word problems linked to adding and finding missing numbers. In Literacy we are starting to change our main text creating new characters, settings and ideas. We are going to look for unusual ideas and hopefully at the end of this work make some little books for the book corner. In RE we are looking at the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary hopefully we are going to do some art linked to this for a class display. In Science we have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and next week we are going on to look at life cycles of other farm animals. Next week we are going to start learning our Carols ready for the Carol service in church so be ready to practice them at home! Have a great weekend.

YEAR 3: We've had a great week in Year 3, looking at using inverted commas in Literacy and ordering and comparing numbers up to 100 in Maths. Children enjoyed Mass on Tuesday and can we say a massive thank you for all the cakes that you sent it. It is greatly appreciated by us all. We have started our new topic, Mary Mother of God. We will be putting together a classroom altar for Mary so if the children have anything special - pictures, rosary beads, flowers etc that they would like to bring in to go on the altar that would be great. We finished our week with a great 'Children in Need' day - thanks again for your support with this. Next week is anti-bullying week and we will be completing some activities to support this. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 4: What a busy week! The children have impressed me with their maths work on multiplication and have been solving problems involving multiplying 3 digit numbers! In Literacy we have begun a new unit of work linked to our topic of WW2 with a particular focus on what it was like to be evacuated. We will be doing some diary writing about this in the coming weeks. In RE we have been thinking about Trust and our focus will turn to how Mary trusted in God. There are a number of children forgetting PE and swimming kits. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit is school on Thursdays and swimming kit on Wednesday, Thank you. We have begun learning some of the songs for our upcoming Christmas Play - 'Straw and Order' so you may be hearing some of the songs at home too. Have a great weekend!

YEAR 5: I am very happy to be back in school with the children and I have been thrilled to see how enthusiastic they are to work on our new topic! On Monday we explored how volcanoes are formed and the children produced some brilliant comic strips which explain this. On Tuesday we enjoyed a workshop based upon Alfred Wainwright. The children had great fun learning about his life and creating landscape drawings in the style of Wainwright. This week also saw the beginning of our Christmas play rehearsals for *Straw and Order* in which we will be performing as the cows, so please could you start putting together a costume. We are going to wear black or brown pants with an old white top which we can either paint black/brown splodges on or cut holes into with a black/brown top underneath. Finally, each class in the school is creating a Christmas hamper for our school Christmas Fair raffle and this year the theme is chocolate. The hampers need to be ready by 1st December, so if you are able to send any chocolate related items in before then (this can range from chocolate bars to chocolate scented candles) we would be very grateful. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

YEAR 6: What a hectic week it's been! Christmas is fast approaching and we have turned our thoughts to the Christmas play, *Straw and Order*. We have started to learn some of the songs and are beginning to cast different parts. We try really hard to accommodate the children's wishes, but sometimes we can't give the children the parts they would like; there is only one Mary in the nativity! We would really appreciate your support in explaining this to your child, if they are disappointed. In Maths, we have been learning how use a formal method for long multiplication and in Literacy we are learning about how to use language to create a sense of adventure in stories. We will be beginning our Science topic next week, starting by learning about the circulatory system. Before half term I wrote about collecting items to go in a bathroom themed hamper, ready for the Christmas fair. As yet, we have no contributions from the children: items such as shampoo, bubble baths, face cloths and fancy soaps would all be very much appreciated. The items should not be expensive. Have a great weekend!

A NOTE FROM MRS NICHOLAS (PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AS ALL SCHOOL INFORMATION IS IN HERE)

What's been happening?: Year 3 went to Mass at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and afterwards welcomed those parishioners who had joined us, for refreshments in school. A big thank you to those parents who sent in some lovely cakes and biscuits, which they all enjoyed. Year 5 had their Alfred Wainwright Workshop on Tuesday afternoon to support their art topic. The children really

enjoyed this and produced some lovely art work.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raising for Children in Need by coming in non-uniform and having their faces painted. There were so many Pudsey Bears walking around school today! Thank you as always to Miss Wilson, Mrs Pennington and Mrs Angela Nicholas for doing the face painting for us. We raised £250.00 for Children in Need, which is brilliant, thank you again! Thank you for the shoe boxes which were donated for Operation Christmas Child, there were 25 picked up today which will be making their way to children less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Parents Guild Christmas Shopping Trip to Liverpool is on Saturday 14th, please be in the Market Square by 7.30am ready to set off.

This week: There will be no Choir Practice on Monday 16th November 2015. The Young Voices children will be having a practice over at Millom School on Monday. Year 2 will be taking part in a multi skills competition on Tuesday morning; we hope they enjoy the experience. Our school council will be performing their anti-bullying play for the school on Tuesday afternoon. Reception class will be having their hearing checks on Wednesday morning. Year 4 will be going to Mass at 9.30am on Thursday – please do come and join us over at Church if you possibly can. Year 4 will also be going to the Dock Museum in Barrow on Friday; this trip will take place during the school day.

On Saturday 21st Our Lady & St James' RC Church will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair in our school from 2pm. Admission is 50p. Please do support them if you possibly can.

Please could children from year 3 & 4 remember to bring their swimming kits in on Wednesdays for the next two weeks.

Advance information for This Half Term:

Year 5 will be going to Mass at 9.30am on Tuesday 24th, please come and join them if you possibly can. We have a visit from the author Tom Palmer on Thursday 26th November, which we are all really looking forward to. This is also the date of the School Nurse Drop In, which is from 1.30 – 2.30pm in school. The Parents Guild will be holding an Autumn Term Disco in the evening details will be sent home later. On Monday 30th Year 6 will be going to Mass at 9.30am, as usual you are all very welcome to join them at Church. We will be having our Advent services in school on this day too. The Parents Guild are running our Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December in school, please do start to look at home for items which you would donate as raffle and tombola prizes. **The parents guild would like some help at the disco and fair, if you could spare some time please contact a member of the guild, our school office or go along to one of their meetings.**

Monday 7th December is KS1 Carol Service, which is at 6pm in Church. Our school Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 8th December – you will need to book this on the Lunchshop website and we would like to ask that you do this week commencing 23rd November as this will greatly help Karen, our Cook with her orders – Thank you. KS2 Christmas Play will be performed on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th at 2pm and 6pm. KS1 will be going on the Santa Express on Thursday 10th – further details have been sent out today. Our School Choir will be singing on Friday afternoon at The Blind Society Christmas Party. On Monday 14th KS2 will be going to Forum 28 to watch the Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk. Please do send any remaining slips and money in as soon as possible. KS1 have their Christmas Party on Monday afternoon. Year 5 & 6 party is on Tuesday 15th with year 3 & 4 having theirs on Wednesday 16th. Year 6 play host to the elderly parishioners of St Francis of Assisi on Wednesday 16th for their annual Christmas Meal. Finally we break up on Thursday 17th December at 1.30pm.

IMPORTANT: Please can we ask you to check your children's heads thoroughly this weekend. We have had some instances of head lice in school this week so please do be vigilant. Lotion is no longer available from the Children's Centre, we have been advised to direct people to the Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Scheme which is at either of the Chemists in Millom. They will be able to give you lotion free of charge if children have headlice.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

UNIFORM LABELLING: Can parents please make sure that all uniforms, pumps and coats have your child's name on it. We have already had items of uniform lost this term. We do have a lost property box but cannot identify any lost uniform if it does not have a name in it! Labels can be obtained from Fergusons in Millom and also online.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday: Choir – 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday: Tennis Club – 3.00pm – 4.00pm at the Sports Hall
Wednesday: KS2 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
Wednesday: Mrs Marmion's Art Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday: KS1 Multi Skills - 3.15pm to 4.15pm.
Thursday: Athletics - 3.15pm to 4.00pm.
Friday: Athletics - 3.15 to 4.00pm.

SWIMMING – WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Swimming will start for years 3 & 4 this Wednesday and continue to 25th November. The lessons will be in the afternoons and will be as follows:
4th – 25th November - Years 3 & 4
Spring Term – Years 5 & 6
Summer Term Years 3 & 4

LITTLE JIMMY'S TODDLER GROUP: Little Jimmy's Toddler Group is a friendly group who meet in our school hall on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.00am. We always welcome new parents and toddlers/babies and it is a nice way to make new friends. Everyone welcome ☺

BREAKFAST CLUB: Opens at 8am the cost is **£1 per day** and any new children need to be booked in please. Children are offered a variety of cereals, drinks and toast with bacon and sausage buns being offered on Thursdays. Children can bring colouring books, books or games to play or they can do their homework. **PLEASE CAN YOU REMEMBER TO PAY DAILY OR WEEKLY FOR BREAKFAST CLUB – THANK YOU ☺**

NO DOGS IN THE PLAYGROUND. THANK YOU: Can we please ask that you do not bring dogs into the playground when you are picking children up from school or dropping them off. Thank you.

ILLNESS: Please remember to ring into school in the morning if your child is absent, stating the nature of their illness. Could we also remind you that if your child is absent due to sickness and / or diarrhoea, the recommended time they need to be absent from school is 48 hours from the last episode. This is to help reduce the spread of infection. Thank you for your help with this.

IMPORTANT! HEAD LICE: Please can you check your child's head. We have had some instances of head lice since the start of the term. Once they have been treated we would suggest that parents try to check their child's head once a week to ensure that they have not been re-infected. Please call at either of the chemists to obtain lotion to treat children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder of our official school uniform which should be worn by all pupils;

GIRLS UNIFORM: Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper or cardigan with school logo. Black flat-heeled shoes (not trainers) or White socks or grey tights.

BOYS UNIFORM: Grey trousers or Shorts. Blue polo shirt. Maroon jumper with school logo. Black shoes (not trainers) or sandals. Grey socks. All shoes worn to school should be sensible and appropriate for the weather.

LABELS: All uniform should have your child's name on it. Please also label coats and pumps.

PE KITS

All children should have a PE kit and a pair of pumps in school at all times. Please check and ensure that your child has the correct uniform.

PE KIT: White top (with or without school logo). Black shorts. Black pumps (not trainers).

If your child does not have their kit, they will not be able to do PE. This includes pumps or trainers. Thanks for your help with this.

SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION

Safeguarding and Child Protection is very much in the news at the moment and very much at the heart of our school life. We would like to make you aware that if you do have any concerns or issues, these can be discussed in confidence with Mrs Nicholas, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead. She can be contacted through the school office. If anybody has any concerns about any child either in school or outside of school please call the County Triage Team in confidence on 0333 2401727. There is a website which has lots of useful information which we would recommend you have a look at, the address is: www.cumbrialscb.com there is a link to this on our school website.

Birthdays 9th Nov. 2015 – 15th Nov. 2015: Ethan Fisher, Niamh Kershaw, Emma Ivison, Luka Allington, Rylee Barker, Jamie Harrison

The VIP's: Maddox Gerrish, Khiya Weightman, Jessica Burch, Lily Darby, Ellen Armitage, Jack Park, Kai Nicholas, Ethan Fisher.

Certificates: Lily Darby, Tiana-Mai Sharman-Tyson

PRAYER INTENTIONS: This week we ask you to remember all of the members of our families in your prayers. We ask God to take care of them all and keep them all safe and well. We ask Our Blessed Lady to comfort those who are ill at this time and to pray for them.

Please remember especially Lisa Cloudsdale who is beginning her treatment this week. We ask God to keep her safe and help her to recover very soon. We send Lisa all of our love and good wishes.

(If you have any prayer intentions or would like us to remember sick people, please hand them in to our school office and we will include them on the newsletter)

SCHOOL MEALS: Please remember to order your child's school meals or cancel them by 9.30am - the website address is www.lunchshop.co.uk The menu for week beginning 16th November 2015 is Menu number 1.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO LIVERPOOL: Our Parents Guild have organised a shopping trip to Liverpool on **SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 7.30am from the Square All seats have been booked.**

TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Have fun learning the game. Lots of fun games, matches etc to suit all playing and fitness levels. Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm at Millom Recreation Centre. Children will be escorted to the centre, to be picked up from there at 4pm. Cost is £3 per week. Please contact school office for a form and to organise escort to centre.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Friday 20th – Year 4 Dock Museum Trip
Saturday 21st – Parish Fair in School 2pm
Thursday 26th – School Nurse Drop In 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 26th – Tom Palmer, Author in school
Thursday 26th – School Disco 6 – 7.30pm KS1 / 8 – 9.30pm KS2
Monday 30th – KS2 Advent Service 10.30am KS1
Advent Service 10.50am

DECEMBER

Monday 1st – ChildLine Workshops
Sunday 6th – School Christmas Fair
Monday 7th – Carol Service KS1 Led
Tuesday 8th – School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 9th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm
Thursday 10th – KS1 Santa Express Trip
Thursday 10th – KS2 Christmas Play 2pm & 6pm
Friday 11th – Choir singing at the Blind Society
Xmas Party
Monday 14th – KS2 Barrow Pantomime Trip
Monday 14th – KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th – Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16th – Elderly Parishioners Christmas
Dinner hosted by yr 6 @6.30pm
Thursday 17th – Break up at 1.30pm ☺

JANUARY 2016

Tuesday 5th – Start back at school

MASS TIMES

FOR OUR LADY & ST JAMES RC CHURCH, MILLOM

Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10.30am
Confessions are held on Sunday morning from 10am – 10.25am

SACRED HEART RC CHURCH, CONISTON

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6pm
Confessions are held on Saturday evening from 5.30pm – 5.55pm

You can contact Fr Robert Halshaw on 01229 779673 For details and information please visit the website

www.saintfrancescumbria.com

SCHOOL MASS TIMES

Thursday 19th November: Year 4 Mass
Tuesday 24th November: Year 5 Mass
Monday 30th November: Year 6 Mass
Tuesday 8th December: Year 3 Mass
Thursday 17th December: Whole School Mass

RESIDENTIAL TRIP DATES 2016

Year 4 Ilkley – Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th May
Year 5 Lockerbie – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May
Year 6 London – Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th June

TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

Autumn Term 2015: **Monday 7th September – Thursday 17th December**

Half term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2016: **Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March**

Half term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2016: **Monday 11th April – Thursday 21st July**

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May

Half term – Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION: We are no longer sending out paper copies of our school newsletter; unless parents specifically request one. All newsletters will be sent via e-mail, they will also be put on our school website and a link to this will be put on our school Facebook page. The address for our School Website is: www.stjamesrc.cumbria.sch.uk

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